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**Slums in urban areas of Himachal Pradesh**

4077. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of slums in urban areas of Himachal Pradesh have increased manifold during the last five years;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the funding thereof; and

(d) the measures taken by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has informed that slum areas in the State have increased from 255 slum pockets to 374 in the last five years;

(b) The State Govt. has intimated that survey has been conducted by them in all 49 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and 374 slum pockets have been identified.

(c) The details of funding during the last five years for the development of urban slums are as under:—

*(Rupees in lakhs)*

Year	State Assistance	Additional Central Assistance by Central Govt.	Total
1996-97	50.00	50.00	100.00
1997-98	102.00	88.00	190.00
1998-99	82.00	100.00	182.00
1999-2000	144.15	110.00	254.15
2000-2001	170.31	27.65	197.96

(d) The State Govt. of Himachal Pradesh after conducting Slum

Identification Survey in 2000-2001 have identified slum pockets inhabited by slum dwellers and in order to implement the provision of the Himachal Pradesh Slum Areas (improvement and clearance) Act, 1979, have declared competent Authorities to notify the slum areas. The funds indicated in part (c) of the reply have been utilised to improve the environmental conditions of the slums areas by providing community basic amenities such as Street Lights, Community Baths, Pavement of Path, Construction of drains, development of parks and construction of Rain Basera/Night Shelter etc.

**Construction of Kitchens in Government Quarters of Aram Bagh,  
New Delhi**

**†4078. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government had a plan to construct kitchens in Type-I, Block Nos. 63 to 85 quarters of Aram Bagh area;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard;
- (c) by when this work is likely to be completed; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):** (a) No. Sir, There is no such plan at present.

(b) The feasibility of adding extra floor area to the existing building is being examined with reference to the local bye-laws and from the structural point of view. The proposal will be processed further if the same is found feasible and the revised plans are approved by the local body.

(c) Work can be taken up only after feasibility is ascertained and the proposal is approved.

(d) Not applicable in view of above.

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